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College Choir to Start Concert Tour Saturday

Organization Due to Appear At St. Thomas' Church Sunday Afternoon

Concert Annual

Alexander Woollcott Will Be Master of Ceremonies During Broadcast

The annual concert trip of the Hamilton College Choir will begin on Saturday, March 5, when the choir will leave for Babylon, Long Island. This year's trip, although not a long one, includes a broadcast over a nation-wide hook-up of the Columbia Broadcasting System and an appearance at St. Thomas' Church in New York City.

Leaving the Hill at ten o'clock Saturday morning, the choir will go by train to New York, where it will take busses for Babylon, Long Island, arriving at about five in the afternoon. A concert will be held there during the evening at the First Church. Babylon is only a few miles from Huntington, where the choir sang two years ago, and it is expected that the Babylon audience will be augmented by residents of Huntington who are already familiar with the choir work.

Saturday night will be spent in Babylon, the choir going back to New York Sunday morning in time to rehearse at eleven-thirty for the afternoon's broadcast, which is to take place at two o'clock. Alexander Woollcott is to be Master of Ceremonies, and he will have as his guest Orson Welles of the Mercury Theater. Mr. Welles will read selections from the Psalms and the Song of Solomon while the choir provides an appropriate background. The broadcast will last for half an hour, during which the choir will sing the following program.

O Bone Jesu ..... Palestrina
O Holy Jesu ..... Lvov
Ave Maria ..... Abt
Dream of Bygone Days ..
Russian Folksong
Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee ..... Bach

Hamilton Heyl, ex '39, will sing the tenor solo included in "Ave

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Woollcott Reveals Startling Secret

Late Saturday afternoon, Alexander Woollcott, trustee of Hamilton College, and author, actor, raconteur, critic, and commentator on the side, confirmed rumors that he is a candidate for a library trusteeship in the bustling village of Castleton, Vermont.

Excitement reached a fever pitch when the candidate unfearingly stated his platform. He firmly believes that the people of Castleton should make a practice of returning books to the library once they have taken them out. He was noncommital on the subject of censorship of books submitted to the library, and believed that **Woollcott Readers** would be on the shelves of the libray if he donated the copies.

In Castleton, Dr. Edward R. Clark, veteran chairman of the library board and Woollcott's probable opponent, appeared unperturbed at the startling platform of his twenty-year younger rival. He cited the library's brilliant past record as proof that books really have been returned.

Meanwhile, the cool and collected town crier calmly prepared himself for another sterling performance as Binkie Niebuhr in the play "Wine of Choice" at the Guild Theater, totally unaware of the furore that his frank statement had caused.

Hamilton Band To Broadcast March 12

The Hamilton College Band, under the direction of S. L. Lake, '39, has accepted an invitation to broadcast over Station WIBX in Utica, on Saturday, March 12, 8:45 P. M.

The band, which is composed of thirty-five men, will have a half-hour on the air, and will present a program consisting chiefly of college music.

In addition to three Hamilton songs, the program will include two overtures, as well as the marching tunes of the Universities of Pennsylvania and St. Lawrence.

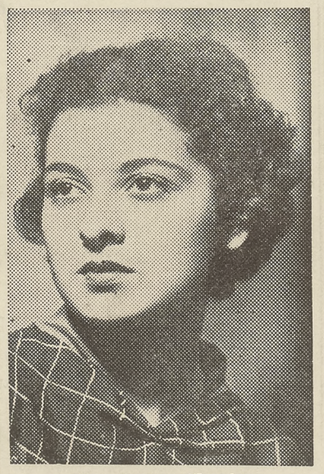
Second Recital Of Year Offers Girl Violinist

Eudice Shapiro, Talented Young Virtuoso, Chosen As Guest Artist

The Musical Art Society of Hamilton College will present the second of this year's concert series on Sunday evening, March 20. Miss Eudice Shapiro, talented young violinist, will be the guest artist; she will be assisted by Miss Eva Rautenberg, her personal accompanist.

Miss Shapiro, who won the one thousand dollar award presented by the National Federation of Music Clubs last April, is a graduate pupil of Efrem Zimbalist, noted instructor at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia.

Her first New York recital took place last February, when she appeared at the Town Hall. In speaking of the twenty-two year old artist, the NEW YORK TIMES states that "she played with the ease and security of a veteran."



Miss Eudice Shapiro

Miss Shapiro has appeared as soloist with the Philadelphia Symphony orchestra, with Leopold Stokowski conducting, and has played with the Buffalo and Rochester Symphony Orchestras.

The young virtuoso is well known to radio audiences, having played on many commercial programs. She has also been a guest star on radio hours, such as the NBC program of Ben Bernie.

Shortly before the Hamilton concert, Miss Shapiro will be the soloist with the New York Women's Symphony orchestra, which will play at Carnegie Hall in New York City on March 15.

Her success is due to the fact that she enjoys playing the violin, and communicates that joy to her audience. Her bow sings with fluent beauty and serene ease, and she should no doubt prove a valu-

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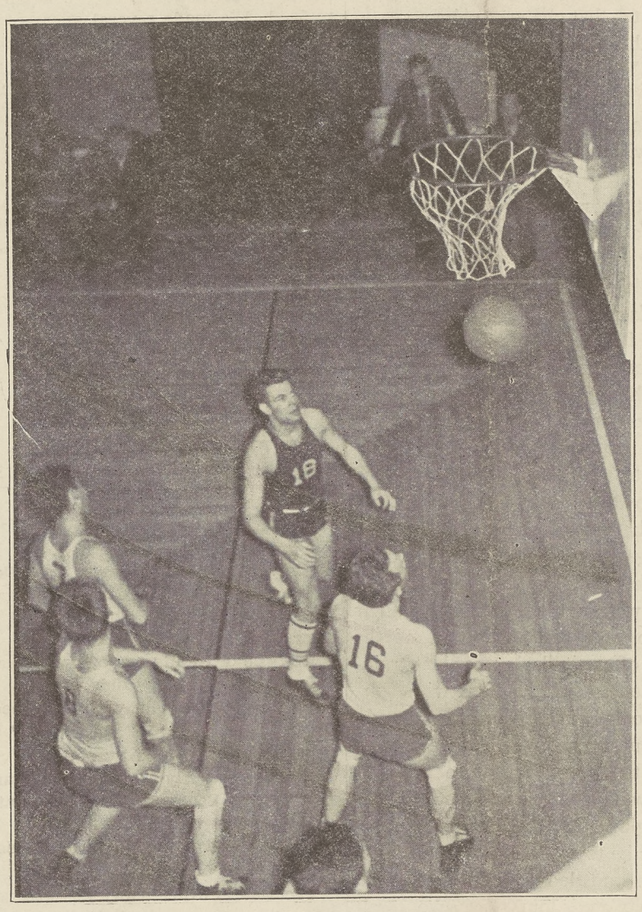
A Hamilton Long Shot Is Successful



Cooke (18) comes up on the defense as Riddleberger (16), backed up by Pugh (7) and Forbush (8), waits for ball.

Chapel Preacher Laments Lack of Reliance on God

Bell Condemns Christians For Unwillingness to See God's Vision

"What Is Wrong with the Church of God To-day?" was the topic of last Sunday's chapel sermon, delivered by the Rev. Bernard Iddings Bell, D.D., of St. John's Cathedral, Providence, R. I.

Taking his text from the ninth chapter of The Acts, Dr. Bell said that the church of today has become ineffective because we, as Christians, are unwilling to face the reality of God, and the world has discovered this to be so.

"The church of today, composed of people just like you and I, hasn't seen the real vision of God," declared the speaker. "We have forgotten the majesty and authority of the Lord Jesus. Christians of today think and act as though Jesus were but a lowly man of Galilee. In a desire to emphasize the Lord's compassion and homliness, we have forgotten that he is a true light. We have not longed to see any heavenly vision. Thus, the church ceases to have a meaning."

Speaking about the present-day indifference to religion, the preacher stressed the fact that it is not due to conceit, that man neglects the faith of his fathers, but rather that man doesn't understand the

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Subscription Drive For Year Book Started

The staff of the 1938 Hamiltonian, which publication is scheduled to make its appearance on the Hill May 1, has started a drive for subscriptions, as there will be no more copies printed this year than the number signed up for.

The new senior book will suggest a note of modernity, in keeping with the up-to-date gymnasium. In addition, there will be many candid shots of both individuals and events, a feature not used in recent years.

The 1938 edition is to be in striking contrast with former Hamiltonians, and seniors are advised to subscribe immediately in order to assure themselves copies.

Surrealism Is Main Note At First Art Club Meeting

In an eerie atmosphere of surrealistic art and music, the newly founded Hamilton College Art Club held its first meeting on the evening of Wednesday, February 23, at the Chi Psi Lodge.

About forty invited guests were present to hear Professor Mattingly's interpretation of surrealism, which is one of his hobbies. Included among the guests were several faculty members, none of whom entered more into the spirit of the occasion than did Professor Saunders, who appeared dressed in brilliant red trousers and a black velvet smoking jacket. Frank Taylor, whose idea the Art Club is, greeted the guests at the door attired in a long, black cassock.

The first sight that met the eye upon entering the transformed Chi Psi Lodge was a figure consisting of a dressmaker's dummy topped with a bayonet-pierced cabbage for a head, symbolizing War. Other equally amazing works of surrealistic art were scattered throughout the house. The clock on the mantle, with the aid of a bird-cage placed over it, represented "Time Captured". Weird music came from the victrola during the early part of the evening.

After the guests had arrived, they were conductd into the dining room, which had been converted into a lecture hall, complete with a magic lantern. Supplementing his talk with illustrations thrown onto a screen, Dr. Mattingly spoke on his interpretation of surrealism's significance. He stated that he doesn't believe the surrealists themselves know quite what they are doing, and that the meaning of their work must be discovered through detached observation.

The lecture over, the dining room was restored to its original state, and a surrealistic supper was served. The meal consisted of dark blue ice cream, served in a coal-scuttle, angle cake and cheese

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Hamilton Wins in Fencing, Basketball; Loses in Hockey

Hill Basketball Team Downs Allegheny Quintet, 49-32

Pugh High Scorer

Continentals Face Hobart, Rochester Next Week As Season Ends

Getting off to an early lead which they did not relinquish once during the game, the cagers drubbed Allegheny College, 49-32, to end their home appearances in an auspicious manner here last Saturday. The win gives the Hillmen a one-game lead in the series with the Pennsylvanians.

Tommy Pugh helped keep the baskets in use, sinking seven field goals and two charity shots for a total of 16, to lead his teammates in point-making and to tie for the game's scoring honors. Schafer, Allegheny forward, also earned a 16 point aggregate with a half dozen field shots and four foul baskets.

Stretching their lead to a 28-11 margin at half-time, the No. 1 quintet relinquished its posts so that each of the first ten men on the squad got a crack at the Pennsylvanians. Allegheny gathered itself together in better style the second half, playing a tighter defensive game which saw each team score 21 points. The contest ended with the score 49 to 32 in the Hillmen's favor.

Team Faces Rochester, Hobart

Another flare-up, marked as the most explosive this year in the Hamilton-University of Rochester feud, is scheduled for Saturday night when the Continentals ring down the curtain on their current basketball season, clashing with the Yellowjackets on their River campus court.

Since the Hillmen defeated Rochester in the first half of their home-and-home series here last month, the Kodak City quintet has blossomed into one of the East's most potent small-college teams, bowling over opponents with comparative ease. Colgate, who nosed out Hamilton in the season's opener, was one victim of the Rochester combination, losing 42-35.

The game is the concluding stanza of a two-stop trip. The Hillmen invade Geneva Friday night for a return match with Hobart, who dropped the first meeting of the two colleges by a 53-38 count earlier this month. The Genevans no doubt will offer tough opposition, but not tough enough to topple the Continentals, who will be

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Fencing Coach

Jean M. Gelas, whose Fencers Defeated Colgate and Williams.

Swordsmen Win Two Consecutive Meets In One Week

Cornell Is Next

Williams and Colgate Bow; Dwyer Subdues All His Opponents

The Hamilton fencing team, which lost its first two bouts to powerful Navy and Columbia aggregations, rang up two victories here last week, subduing both Colgate and Williams. The squad will have a two-week layoff before its next match against a strong Cornell team in Ithaca, March 12.

Winning the epee and sabre departments by wide margins, the Hillmen ran rough shod over Williams 19-8 in the gym Saturday. Bill Scott, senior foilsman, took all three of his events, but losses by Rae Nichols and Pete Warfield gave the Williams swordsmen a 5-4 margin in the events.

Dwyer and Williams Star

Only a win over Fred Nichols by Sharpless, Williams epee artist, saved the Massachusetts squad from a white-wash in the epee division, 8-1. Captain Greg Dwyer and Bob Williams, newcomer to the varsity this year, swept to a clean slate of three wins apiece.

The sabre men, Wardwell, Bud Fullerton and Tex Bramley, lost two of their nine matches, Bramley alone managing to win all three of his bouts.

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Hockey Season Closes As Williams Team Subdues Hillmen

Laux Outstanding

First Period Is Scoreless; Nichols Makes Only Hamilton Tally

Scoring a goal in the second period, and adding two more in the final period, the Williams hockey team defeated the Hamilton skaters last Saturday night, 3-1.

With Captain Gar Laux turning in his usual fine performance in the Buff and Blue cage, the Hillmen kept even with the Purple during the first period. Lightning-fast skating featured this initial stanza, with the defenses of both teams proving too tough for the opposing front lines. Neither outfit threatened its rival's goal, and the period ended in a scoreless tie.

Williams Scores First

The second period was all Purple, however, as the Williamstown boys pushed the Buff and Blue back on their heels time after time. Led by Captain Al Young, speedy forward, the visitors kept nicking at the Hamilton defense, until Bill Jay pushed the initial tally past Laux, assisted by a beautifully executed pass from Wells.

The final frame proved to be

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Hill Debate Team Meets Haverford; Farming Is Topic

St. Lawrence and Amherst Squads to Be Hosts To Continentals

The Hamilton-Haverford debate, which took place last Wednesday evening at Emerson Hall, was the first of a series in which the Hillmen will compete. The forensic schedule continues this coming week with contests with Amherst and St. Lawrence, both debates to be held away.

Hamilton was represented in the Haverford contest by T. Leslie Elliott, '38, and William A. Jones, '39. The proposition concerned the advisability of a farm subsidy system operated by the Federal government; Hamilton upheld the affirmative side of the qustion. No decision was given and an informal question period follower the debate, over which Professor **Francis E.** Mineka presided. The audience was somewhat smaller than usual.

In upholding the affirmative side of the proposition, Hamilton defended the new farm bill, recently passed by Congress. The Hill representativs maintaind that the "ever-normal granary" feature of this bill would smooth out the cycles of farm production. The Haverford debaters advocated, instead, the elimination of the fifteen million inefficient farmers which today hinder proper production control. They claimed that the remaining efficient farmers could then be given compulsory production quotas, thus achieving the desired effect without so great an expense to the government.

On Friday evening, at Amherst, Mass., Hamilton will debate with Amherst College on the proposition, "Resolved, that the National Labor Relations Board should set up a system of compulsory arbitra-

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Startling Revelations Made Concerning Eye Conditons of Hamilton Undergraduates

During a recent interesting Sunday chapel sermon, one enterprising undergraduate with more of a yen for statistics than religion made a comprehensive count of the upturned faces of the students and found out that 40% of them wore glasses.

Mindful of logic courses which stress the necessity of fair sampling before one can make rash generalizations, we furthered our investigations and found out that the above wide-awake man was approximately correct.

First of all, we offer this fact to counteract any charges that Hamilton is a country-club. (Well, yes, we do have one winter carnival a year, and we do have two house-parties, but that isn't very much.)

Near-sightedness and astigmatism—that's where the majority of Hill spec wearers fall down—are due to two causes. They can be inherited, or acquired by constant eye-strain. There can be little doubt as to the origin of the Hamilton College brands of eye weaknesses.

If you're still incredulous, listen to what our original informer discovered in his careful check-up of the eyes of those fellows without chapel cuts. The freshmen scored a mere 23%, while the sophomores snuck up a few points by totalling a percentage of 34% glass wearers.

Thirty-six% of the juniors had those infernal eye-machines on, while—gloria in excelsis—the seniors topped the norm by registering a score of 63%. If that isn't conclusive evidence as to what Ham-

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SURVEY COURSES AND THE STUDENT

It seems that a statement which we made last week led some of our readers to think that we feel that it is the sole function of a college to train men for the work which they plan to take up in later life. We did not mean to convey such an impression, for we realize that training a man for some definite profession is the task of the technical and graduate schools, not of the liberal arts colleges. A college of liberal arts, such as Hamilton, should rather strive to give each of its undergraduates a broad education, to introduce him to fields of knowledge he did not know before, to assist him to choose the field most fitted to his own aptitudes and interests, and then to start him in the direction in which he wishes to travel—to give him, through advanced courses in the field in which he majors, a solid background for his later work. The importance of a general education cannot be overemphasized, especially in this day and age when working hours are being decreased and the wise use of one's leisure time is becoming a real problem. On the other hand, one cannot overlook the fact that many students do not go on to graduate schools; their education, as such, ends with their commencement exercises. For these reasons, a person's undergraduate years should include both a comprehensive view of mankind's cultural heritage and a sound foundation in one of its many branches.

But requiring a student to take mathematics is not the same as giving him a broad education; requiring him to take "at least six semester hours in one of the natural sciences"—any one of the natural sciences—is not the same as an introduction to the various fields of knowledge; giving him his choice of two languages is not what we mean by "a comprehensive view of man's cultural heritage". It is a real problem which faces every college, this problem of determining the best way in which to give each undergraduate a broad education. It is a problem which will constantly face every alert, progressive Faculty as long as man continues to increase in wisdom and knowledge. But there are a few suggestions which we would like to offer as possible steps in the right direction; they, can, at least, serve as a basis of discussion.

First of all, each prospective student should be required to take intelligence and aptitude tests. There are many excellent tests available and already widely used, in such places as Columbia. The faculty committee on schedule and studies, which would supervise these tests, could then direct each undergraduate into the fields best suited to his needs. Such guidance would save many undergraduates from being disillusioned later on, and from shifting aimlessly from one field to another. At Columbia, similar tests, called achievement tests, are also used to enable a student to "satisfy a prescribed or prerequisite course by examination". Such tests would save some students many hours that they can waste marking time in courses which they have covered before, at least in their broad outlines. This saving would enable such a student to take a more advanced course during his senior year than he otherwise could—to progress just so much farther in the field of his choice.

Secondly, we would recommend the establishment of two new courses, which all freshmen would be required to take. One would be a *General Science* Course; its purpose would be to acquaint each undergraduate with the fundamental elements of biology, chemistry, physics, and geology. The other course would be a Survey Course in the Social Sciences. It would open to the freshmen the fields of history, economics, political science, and sociology. Dartmouth already requires a course of this type of all freshmen. Such courses could and should be made "stiff" enough so that there would be no danger of admitting to the upper classes men of a lower mentality than Hamilton has had in the past, or should have. The same high standards of scholarship could be maintained without limiting them to any one branch of knowledge. We would be the last to recommend a lowering of Hamilton's standards.

Immediately, some of our readers will complain that these two courses would be so broad that they would necessarily be too shallow. They will say that a smattering of knowledge can never replace penetrating study. And they would be right, if we were to assume that every student would become an expert in each of the sciences and social studies listed above. But modern learning is so vast that not even Einstein and Solomon together could possibly master even a large portion of man's cultural heritage. That fact, ugly as it is, forces a college to limit the education of its undergraduates to but a passing introduction to many fields of knowledge. As a result, a college must resort to survey courses as the only fair way in which it can give its undergraduates a chance to select carefully and with some degree of sureness the fields to which to devote the remainder of their college lives. And every liberal arts college owes its undergraduates that chance to choose carefully, to choose from many, with the certainty that the courses they pick are the courses they want. The tragedy of a student who has wasted two or three whole years at college trying to find himself and suddenly realizes that he has been on the wrong track all the time is a tragedy the like of which the Greeks never even dreamed of.

Hamilton is at present noted for its excellent pre-medical training, and for that especially. Admittedly the biology and chemistry departments at Hamilton are among its best, but there are other excellent departments as well; why do the men who leave Hamilton expecting to enter medical schools prove to have had such excellent training, while others do not? It seems to us that one of the causes, at least, is that the pre-medical students are the ones who are best able to take advantage of the training Hamilton can offer to those who know what they want to do, who do not have to waste time finding out. A survey made at Columbia recently showed that of all the undergraduates entering there with some definite idea as to what they want to do in later life, a large majority were pre-medical students. The same is true of other colleges. It is certainly true that a large number of the pre-medical students at Hamilton knew from the beginning that they wanted to study medicine. As a result, they were able to concentrate their work in the fields which lead up to such study. Several of the other departments at Hamilton could offer similarly excellent training to a student, if only they had as long a time to work with him. Survey courses would help the undecided undergraduate make up his mind and choose his field of concentration before he wasted a lot of time shifting from course to course, trying to find out what he wanted to do or in what he was primarily interested. Survey courses would also give him a glance at fields he had known nothing of before, of fields he would like to explore more thoroughly. They would help to broaden his knowledge, to bring to him some realization of the vastness of man's wisdom. They would also help him to pick the courses he would have to take in addition to his majors. One of the best of Hamilton's requirements for graduation is the one stating that an undergraduate's choice of electives must include at least one course from each of so many groups, depending upon his year in college. A survey course his freshman year would assist him in his choice of such studies, so that he would no longer have to rely on the advice of some one who may not like the kind of courses that he does.

The establishment of such survey courses at Hamilton would not necessitate an increase in the size of the Faculty. The present members of the Faculty could teach such courses easily and proficiently, since only a portion of each course would be taught by any one person.

Hamilton is not facing this problem alone. Other colleges of Hamilton's standing and tradition have been moving slowly in the direction of a more progressive education. Even such a large institution as Columbia has but recently established survey courses required of all freshmen and sophomores. As a report of the Dean at Columbia stated not long ago, the purpose of these so-called Humanities courses is to develop in the student "literary taste and judgment, as well as habits of philosophical analysis, through a careful acquaintance with a series, in more or less chronological order, of the outstanding masterpieces in the literature and philosophy of the European tradition." Hamilton's courses should strive eventually to reach such a goal.

But by a constant movement in the direction of a more progressive education we do not mean the constant pursuit of novelties; in fact, we are proud that Hamilton has not emulated some colleges in wild-eyed and revolutionary schemes of educational reform. But we would not be worthy of the name, Hamilton men, if we did not recognize the fact that our curriculum must be gradually adjusted to meet contemporary needs.

Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

Rev. George R. Smith, '70 , died in Bay City, Mich., at the home of his son on February 16. He was graduated from Auburn Seminary in 1874 and had been pastor of Presbyterian churches in New York State and the Middle West. His funeral was held in Albion, where he had lived since 1902.

The exhibits by local artists at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute in Utica during February included a water color, "Grouse on Snow," by James R. Benton, '90, a piece of wood sculpture, "The Bather," by Joseph Vogel, '26; also a painting, "Winter Scene," by Dr. C. A. Frost of Clinton.

Rev. Albert L. Evans, '04, U. S. Army chaplain since 1920, was promoted on February 22 from the rank of major to that of lieutenant-colonel. Since February, 1934, he has been stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Announcement was made on January first that William A. Ferguson, '04, attorney of New York City, had become associated with Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company, as general attorney with headquarters in Long Island City.

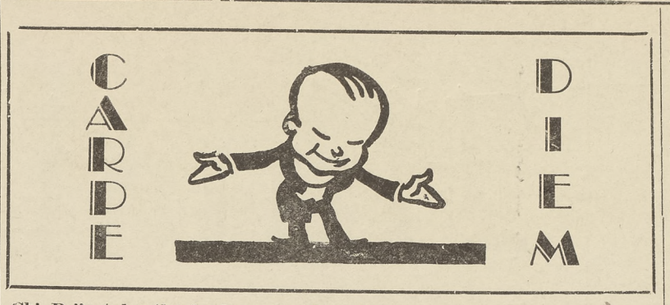
Theodore Julia Pomeroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Pomeroy of Utica, and wife of Marcellus B. Holmes, '08, died at her home, East Orange, N. J., on February 10.

Dr. Lynn M. Case, '25, at present substituting for Professor E. M. Violette of the history department of Louisana State University, has accepted a permanent appointment with that department.

A son, David Barber Walrath, was born December 28, 1937, to Alphonso B. Walrath, '26, and Mrs. Walrath of Scarsdale, N. Y.

William G. Mulligan, '27, chief of the transit division of the Corporation Counsel's office in New York City, took part on February 2 in a forum discussion on the city's transit problem. He opposed the views of Reuben L. Haskell, member of the Transit Commission.

John P. Guyton, '31, is assistant secretary of the Flatbush branch of the Y. M. C. A. of Brooklyn.



Chi Psi's take the lead again, Hamilton

It might do well to take a squint inside that dark brown mansion that sits forebodingly at the summit of College Hill, casting an eerie vari-coloured light on the Dean's front lawn from that port hole up by the roof. The port hole that has always been a constant source of interest to us. It seems to have a secret power understood by only a very, very select few. Last year we noticed that where the light played on the grass in front, only a handful of withered and dry blades remained. We made several guesses about this power. We wondered if it affects people the same way radium affects those who paint dials on watches. Who knows but what the days of all of us are numbered—having passed innocently under that sinister ray many, many times, little suspecting that our tissues were literally being destroyed, and that one by one our white corpuscles were being methodically turned to water?

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There is a rumor that the insides of the Lodge need some sort of an inspection. An internal disorder has seized upon the normally cheery group—something that causes them to run in a frenzy from one room to another.

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Freddy Chappell spent a questionable week-end (so his brothers vouched), showing up at the Mansion only to brush his teeth. He was trying to get rid of pink tooth brush or something by brute force, and it is said that he wore the bristles clean off of three tooth brushes, and that late Sunday night he was left disconsolately rubbing his weary gums with a broken Dr. West's handle.

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The versatile human dynamo of Carnival fame has his hobbies and whims just like all the rest of us regular folks. Naturally his tastes are on a different level than ours (you and me); but fundamentally we feel that a hobby is a hobby and that Frank Taylor is Frank Taylor. The latest is sung to **Coal Skuttle Blues** or **Who Put the Razor Blade in Ma's Cake of Soap.** It all means that we have loaves of oaten bread growing out of our heads and that we weep big, gelatinous, cod-liver oil capsules, or that something very subconscious is going to knock the daylights out of us through little mica windows at the base of our skulls. It all sounds very intense and introspective, but who the hell can play a violin with bird seed?

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This is pretty stale by now, but there was a tremendous clatter in the Lodge recently that made the rafters shake. Super Snooper Senior Swordsman Scooter Scott said that it was really only Chuck Root dropping the sacred emblem through quaking fingers while transferring it to a fairer bosom than his own.

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Vacation is over! Away go those slinky ski suits to the moth balls! Let us once more with joyous heart and rosy countenance don the garb of pure, gray, fluffy, sweat-absorbing sweetness! Rub the snowflakes out of sleepy eyes,—smile—, and see how YOU like P. T. first period in the morning, you hickory-footed slalom-slackers! Make it sweet, boys—just call 506 Clinton, collect, and ask for the well-worn Gym suit—he'll be sitting right by the receiver.

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Does anyone know where Kelsey is?

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How's it feel to get it all over with, Sigmas? When you come to dinner, remember we eat late: it's fashionable, you know.

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We promise we won't say a thing about the Deke Blue Room, so don't tell a soul.

Dr. Laves Addresses Meeting of Foreign Policy Group in Utica

Dr. Walter H. C. Laves, former Professor of Political Science here, was the main speaker at the Monday night meeting of the Utica Branch of the Foreign Policy Association. Dr. Laves spoke on "The United States, the League, and the Preservation of Peace." Among the other speakers in the panel discussion which followed was Paul B. Williams, '08. Mr. Williams advocated British-American cooperation as the best way to world peace.

Dr. Laves, who is now Chairman of the Midwestern branch of the League of Nations Association, and an occasional lecturer at the University of Chicago, said that the fundamental cause of strife to-day is economic nationalism. He praised the reciprocal trade treaties, and maintained that they are the best instruments to secure peace. He maintained that the League of Nations, although not perfect, is the only hope to-day for international peace, and that the League is only one form of that collective security which is essential to the maintenance of peace."

At the business meeting of the Association, Prof. James Q. Dealey was elected chairman for the coming year.

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Kiwi starts thing off this week by examining the tracks of some of Bunny Berigan's latest pressings. First must come the pairing of two new novelties, "Heigh Ho", and 'The Piano Tuner Man". The A side swings under way with a magnificent solo by the Maestro. Gail Reese's pleasing vocal adds much to the arrangement and Dave Tough's drums lend body to surefire solos by Sam Lipkins and Joe Dixon. All three of these men were acquired from Dorsey about a month or so before Winter Carnival. The other side finds Gail again offering a charming vocal interpretation aided and abetted by barrelhouse piano. Berigan's other recent waxwork includes a brace of new and sentimental tunes titled "A Serenade to the Stars" and "Outside of Paradise". These are also sung by Miss Reese in a style somewhat like that of Jimmie Dorsey's vocalist Kay Weber. Both girls got their start at the Glen Island Casino, Kay with The Dorsey Brothers' Orchestra, and Gail with Charlie Barnet.

Mercilessly swinging the immortal "Shine on Harvest Moon", Tommie Dorsey takes a song poorly adapted to jam, and does a rather shoddy job. It is sacrilege to jazz up a song like this. The one bright spot in the record is Tommie's own trombone solo at the beginning. Discmate "Oh, Promise Me" also has little to offer. Bud Freeman's tenor sax and of course Tommie's own solo, being the only parts saving this from being utter commercial trash.

Moving on to Larry Clinton, Kiwi finds the composer-leader deviating from straight swing tunes to the subdued sophistication of two exotic new melodies. The A side is French, "At the Perfume Counter (On The Rue De La Paris)", the B is Scotch, "When the Heather Blooms Again". Bea Wain warbles engagingly on both sides, her rendition of the Scotch song being quite like Maxine Sullivan's "Loch Lomond". Larry has also recently done "How D'ja Like to Love Me" (from the Paramount film "College Swing") and "I Fall in Love with You Every Day". Both sides are danceable and otherwise satisfactory, Bea again handling the vocals.

Jottings: Mark Goodman Quartet's "I'm A Ding Dong Daddy" their best since "Vieni Vieni". Also Orchids to parts one and two of their "Bei Mir Bist Du Schon". Mildred Bailey's "Thanks for the Memory" is good but must give way to Martha Tilton's treatment of the same tune.

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BASKETBALL—

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sharpening their attack for the Rochester encounter.

Mox Weber's charges have emerged victorious in seven of their 11 matches thus far, and by most predictions should raise their victory count up to eight with a win over Hobart, so that their record will be practically on the same shelf with Rochester's brilliant string of triumphs.

The game will be the last intercollegiate basketball tilt for a quartet of seniors. Captain Gene Sullivan, Myron Carmer, Hugh Riddleberger and Tommy Pugh will each close a season of fine performances. The first three, who wrote finish to their football careers last fall, each have a spring sport ahead of them. Sullivan plays first base on the Hill nine. Carmer handles the high jump on the track squad, and Riddleberger captains this year's tennis team.

HAMILTON	G	F	T
Sullivan, rf	3	0	6
Keane	1	0	2
Carmer, lf	4	0	8
Quimby	0	0	0
Riddleberger, c	5	1	11
Towner	0	0	0
Pugh, rg	7	2	16
Roider	0	0	0
Forbush, lg	2	0	4
Davis	1	0	2
	23	3	49

ALLEGHENY	G	F	T
Shafer, rf	6	4	16
Ochs,	0	0	0
White, lf	1	0	2
Vereeke	1	1	3
McFarland, c	1	0	2
Gratz	2	2	6
Cook, rg	0	0	0
Jones	0	0	0
Robinson, lg	1	1	3
	12	8	32

FORUM

To the Editor of Hamilton Life:
Sir:

I am writing in order to refute completely those base insinuations which were put forth in a recent letter to your publication, written by some dastardly scoundrel who dared to usurp my name and call himself "Publius."

Now it is completely plain to any intelligent person that Commons is far and away the best restaurant this side of the Clinton railroad tracks. As for the choice of salads—against which he inveighed—bah!!! Without doubt Communistic propaganda!!! Why the very name "Commons" is a misnomer; that divinely-constituted institution should be called "The Super De-Luxe Extraordinary Cafe." It is a foul libel to cast the slightest aspersion against the character, service, or conduct of those cordial, pleasant, cultured personalities who so faithfully and assiduously serve the College community, striving always to give the best possible food at the lowest possible prices. And I, for one, maintain that they have succeeded admirably.

I hereby offer the following suggestion for public consideration: At a special convocation of the student body, the managers of Commons should be given a rising vote of thanks for their faithful—though unrewarded—service; and after this ceremony, the whole student body should assemble in front of the Chapel and give a hearty "Three Cheers for Commons!!!"

I remain, Sir, your most humble and obedient servant,

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Bridge Pointers

There is no doubt that most of the freshmen and sophomores who flock to the bridge tables after the evening meal are beginners, some of them good and the others awful. These underclassmen have managed to learn the main idea of contract bridge, but in the smaller, and sometimes decisive points they are noticeably lacking.

After your writer had endured an hour session of playing with a freshman recruit, he sympathized not only with himself, but also with the other upperclassmen who must sit and watch their leads and discards go unnoticed by the picked-up "fourth".

This column is written, therefore, for those underclassmen, and upperclassmen too, who have just taken up the game of bridge.

The first and simplest thing to know is that a high discard by your partner signals you to continue leading that suit; a low discard discourages the continuation. A high-low discard, which means the discard of a high card on the first round, followed by a lower card the second time the same suit is played, shows that your partner has no more cards in that suit and is in a position to ruff.

In defending a no-trump contract, it is the general rule to lead the fourth from your longest and strongest suit. This permits the application of the Rule of Eleven. Subtract the denomination of the card led from eleven, and the result will be the number of cards higher than the card led in your own and in your opponents' hands. For example, if your partner leads a seven, you know there are four cards higher than that in the other three hands. If two honors are in the dummy, and two other cards higher than a seven in your own hand, the declarer has no card which can beat a seven. You can then finesse the declarer. This rule is not efficient all of the time, but if you deal a sample hand or two to figure out, you will see its advantages.

In a sequence of honors, always lead the highest card unless that card happens to be the Ace. In that case, lead the lowest of the sequence, and your partner will know that you have the rest of the honors when that card takes the trick.

Another helpful lead when playing the defense is the suit preference lead.

The play consists in leading either a high or low card to your partner, knowing that he will be able to ruff. If the lead is a small card, he leads the lowest of the two unplayed suits; if it is a high card, the reverse is true. The point is that the card denotes an entry to the original hand, allowing two tricks by ruffing instead of one. It prevents the declarer from getting in to discard his losers, or to take out dangerous trumps.

The following hand shows how the suit preference lead works.

Using this play, South, in the hand below is able to set the contract. See if you can.

North
S—J 7
H—J 6 5 4
D—Q J 10 9 3 2
C—10

West	East
S—K 8 6	S—A Q 10 9 5 4
H—Q 9 7	H—K
D—K 6	D—A 7
C—K 6 5 3 2	C—Q J 9 8

South
S—3 2
H—A 10 8 3 2
D—8 5 4
C—A 7 4

N	E	S	W
Pass	1S	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2C	Pass	3C
Pass	3S	Pass	4S

To defeat the bid, South leads the ace of clubs, assuming on the bidding that his partner is short, and follows with the seven, telling North his reentry is in hearts. The rest is simple.

Study up, bridge dubs.

Freshman Court Five Subdues Morrisville

In a hard fought game requiring two overtime periods, Hamilton's freshman court squad beat out the Morrisville Aggies last Friday, 43-41. The two teams kept within five points of each other during the entire game and the lead changed hands several times.

The first half was a nip and tuck battle ending up with the score 18-17 in favor of the Hillmen. Morrisville grabbed a five point lead at the start of the third quarter, but was soon overtaken by the frosh. From then on the game tightened up as the teams rolled up even scores. Towards the end Hamilton was two points ahead with thirty seconds to play, but Lalla, high point man for Morrisville with 19 points, shot one from the middle of the floor which was good almost simultaneously with the firing of the final gun. The score stood tied at 35-35.

The freshmen scored at the beginning of the first three-minute overtime, but Morrisville promptly retaliated and the score was knotted again at the second gun, 37-37. Morrisville took the lead in the next overtime, but was soon nosed out by the freshmen who went ahead to win, 43-41.

Van Dusen, Williams, and Petronio were outstanding on the offense, each man scoring ten or more points; Abbey was the mainstay of the back court.

CHOIR TRIP—

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Maria."

At four o'clock on the same afternoon, the choir will sing at the regular vespers service at St. Thomas' Church. The church choir of men and boys will be in attendance to sing the hymns and responses, in addition to which the Hamilton Choir will sing Palestrina's "Adoramus Te," "O Holy Jesu," by Lvov, Abt's "Ave Maria," and a chorale by Othergraven, "Lob Gottes." No other choir except that of the United States Military Academy at West Point has been asked to sing at St. Thomas' Church in many years, so it is an honor for the Hamilton Choir to be invited to do so. There is a possibility that the Right Rev. Charles A. Gilbert, D.D., Hamilton '02, will preach at the service.

The choir will return to the Hill on Sunday night.

The roll of delegates to the New York State Constitutional Convention contains the name of Dedley L. Moore, '82, of Amsterdam, a lawyer and a Republican from the thirty-ninth district.

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Hamilton Skiers Take Part in Annual NYSISA Meet; Barlow Named Head

After eleven consecutive meet cancellations, the Hamilton Ski Team functioned for the first time in college competition last week. The occasion was the annual New York State Intercollegiate Ski Association meet at Hamilton, N. Y., last Friday and Saturday.

Despite their recent inability to practice because of snow scarcity, the Hill skiers showed up fairly well; the final point score, although it placed Hamilton down the list, showed the closeness of competition. The meet was won by Cornell, who was closely followed by Syracuse, Colgate, Hamilton, and Hobart, in that order.

The NYSISA held its annual meeting at the close of the meet, and William E. Barlow, '40, was elected president to succeed Frank E. Taylor, '38, who will graduate this June.

It is gratifying to note that the association has elected Hamilton men for both its presidents, and shows the high esteem in which the Hillmen are held by other New York college ski teams.

The association has planned another ski meet to take place this week-end at either Clarkson or Cornell. This meet will give both Clarkson and St. Lawrence Universities, members who did not take part in last week's competition, a chance to participate with the other teams in the group. As Hamilton is more on the scale of these two universities than those such as Cornell and Syracuse, the Hill squad will probably show up better than last week.

Runners Await New Track Improvements In Hockey Building

Continuing their winter practice, the aspirants of the Hamilton track team are eagerly awaiting the improvements on the cinder path at the Sage building.

Within the next week, the hockey equipment, including the penalty box, and hockey stands, will be removed from the track proper and facilitate practice. Also, the track will be softened to permit the use of spikes. Competition between the squad members is expected sometime before the interfraternity meet gets underway with the increase in track facilities.

The squad, which includes forty men to date, has been divided into three groups: short distance, middle distance, and long distance runners. Among those prominent at the present time are Dalton, high and low hurdler, Dodge, field events and hurdler; Soper 440-man; Bramley, miler; Kellogg, high jumper; Power distance man; Tice, middle distances; Fancher, field events; Malloy, sprinter; Mark, 440-man; and Sisson, high jumper and pole vaulter.

DEBATE—

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tion for labor disputes." The Hamilton pair which will uphold the negative side of the proposition, is composed of Walter F. Cronin, '38, and William E. Read, '39.

On the following Tuesday evening, March 8, before a meeting of the Canton Torch Club, Hamilton will debate the same proposition with a team from St. Lawrence University. The Hillmen will again defend the negative side of the question, but will be represented this time by David M. Ellis, '38, and Charles A. Hoffman, '38.

FENCING—

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Against Colgate, the Hillmen continued the custom that keeps the Red Raiders from winning on the Hill by handing them a 11-6 defeat last Wednesday. Colgate was victorious last year on its own campus, but lost the year before when it fought on the Hill.

Led by Warfield who conquered all three of his opponents, the foilsmen were able to eke out a 5-4 win in their division as Scott and Rae Nichols each lost two of their three bouts.

Dwyer defeated both of his opponents in the epee and Fred Nichols collected the third point for a 3-1 victory. Wardwell won both his matches and Fullerton split for a 3-1 win in the sabre.

With the team exhibiting continual improvement, prospects for an avenging win over the Big Red squad loom brighter this year, particularly in view of the strength shown by the epee and sabre men. The Cornell encounter will be the last one before April 15-16, when the Hill squad will journey to New York to compete in the annual Intercollegiate meet.

HOCKEY—

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the most exciting of the game. The Massachusetts icemen gained a 2-0 lead at the start of this period, when Captain Young dented the Hamilton goal. Hamilton attacked furiously in order to regain those two tallies, and her lone goal was scored when "Shorty" Nichols, sophomore wing, fired a long-distance shot which Goalie Harris, in the Williams' cage was able to block only half-way, the rubber flopping into the net to make the score 2-1.

Jay Tallies for Second Time

Big Bill Jay soon made victory certain for the Purple with a corner shot that bounded off Laux's pads into the cage; Captain Al Young was credited with the assist. The Continentals retaliated with a barrage on the enemy net, but even their remarkable offensive shots could not break down the mastery of the Williams' defense.

With one of their men off the ice for charging, the Massachusetts' skaters showed their ability on the defense by staging a spectacular exhibition of stick handling, their plan being to get the puck and hang on to it, skating all over the rink in order to do so. So well did they follow out this plan that the Hillmen were unable to touch the puck for the period of time that Jay cooled off in the penalty box.

Williams		Hamilton
Jay	LF	Rice
Spurrier	C	Materne
Young (Capt.)	RF	Pooley
Abberly	RD	Gardner
Cleveland	RD	Hummer
Harris	G	(Capt.) Laux

Score by periods—
Hamilton 0 0 1-1
Williams 0 1 2-3

Scoring: First period—none. Second period—Jay (Williams) 18:25, assist by Wells| Third period—Williams: Young 0:20, Jay 11:47, asist by Young. Hamilton—Nichols, 6:37.

Spares: Williams—Nelligan, Gillette, Shonk, Wells, Bushman, Oldham, Head. Hamilton—Hayes, Vicary, Rogers, Nichols, Lake, McGinn.

Penalties: Williams—Young (hooking) Jay (charging). Hamilton—Nichols (tripping), Lake (tripping).

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Writer's League Offers Student Literary Prize

The League of American Writers has recently announced a student literary contest. One thousand dollars in prizes will be given to those American and Canadian college and secondary school students writing the best compositions on the subject: "The anti-fascist struggle in Spain to-day in its relation to the general welfare of the American citizen of to-morrow."

Among the judges are: Elliot Paul, author of "Life and Death of a Spanish Town"; Clifford Odets, author of the current Broadway hit, "Golden Boy"; and Robert Morss Lovett, professor emeitus of English at Chicago University.

Other organizations also sponsoring the contest are the American Student Union and the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

The contest is not limited to essays alone, as poems, radio and movie scripts, plays, and short stories are also eligible. Contestants must have their manuscripts submitted to the judges not later than Independence Day, July 4, 1938. The winners will be announced before the following Armistice Day, November 11.

The first prixe is $500; other awards are $250, $125, $75, and $50. Inquiries about the rules of the contest should be addressed to Rolfe Humphries, League of American Writers, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

SURREALISM—

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sandwiches, small slices of bread smeared with peanut-carrot paste, bread and fruit-cake sandwiches served on dust pans, and coffee.

The Art Club intends to hold bimonthly meetings throughout the rest of the year. A distinct phase of art will be taken up at each meeting, and a lecture delivered by someone who is qualified to speak on the subject at hand. In recognition of the marked success of the first meeting. Dr. Saunders has offered a prize of ten dollars to the undergraduate submitting the best piece of surrealistic art work. The details of the contest have not yet been worked out, but Frank Taylor announces that an exhibition will be held of all work submitted. Judges and the time limit for the contest will be announced as soon as possible.

CHAPEL PREACHER—

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true nature of things. He is addicted to fears which give expression to brute desires, and relies not on God, but on lesser things.

"When the troubled man of the world looks on us Christians," asserted Dr. Bell, "he finds us to be a timid, self-righteous group, engaged in trivial things, as if we consider God to be one of our family. Thus, the troubled man goes away from the church with his bitterness toward Christianity increased."

In closing, Dr. Bell claimed that the world will be organized to Christianity again only when Christians become rejuvenated by by seeing God clearly and obeying him. God must have saints once more, and they must be made from us. We Christians have been blind men trying to lead the blind, and in doing so, we have been driven into the dust of humility. We can be raised by God if we look at the blazing glory of his presence which never fails.

The chapel preacher for next Sunday will be the Rev. William P. Schell of New York City.

EYE CONDITIONS—

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ilton men do for their four years on the Hill, we have studied sophomore debate for nothing.

The ramifications of our disclosure are manifold. First of all, we beg of the students to go easy on their eyes. Then we just as anxiously beg professors and instructors to go easy on their students.

Editor's Note—If the publicity department wants precise figures on this maerial to use in advertising our college, it can have them as soon as we dig the paper they're on out of the welter of manuscripts in the **LIFE** office—we can't see very well.

SECOND RECITAL—

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able addition to the list of worthwhile instrumentalists.

Program of the Hamilton Concert:

I

Romance in G major—Beethoven

II

Concerto in A major—Mozart, Allegro aperto, Adagio, Tempo di menuetto, Allegro

III

Sonata No. 3 in D minor, Opus 108—Brahms, Allegro, Adagio, Un poco presto e con sentimento, Presto agitato

IV

Second movement from Sonata for violin alone, Opus 42—Reger

Chanson et Boite a musique—Tansman

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Among The Clubs

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Geology Club

Petroleum refining and the geology of the San Juan Mountains of New Mexico were topics of discussion at the last Geology Club meeting, held Monday evening, February 21, at the Psi Upsilon House.

Cleaves Rogers, '38, who spent last summer with the Harvard Geological Camp in New Mexico, read a paper describing his observations in the San Juan Mountains. A general discussion of the subject followed the reading.

The meeting closed with the showing of motion pictures illustrating the various phases of the petroleum industry, with special emphasis on the refining of crude petroleum.

Political Science Club

Benjamin L. Williams, the former executor Director of Worker's Relief in Oneida County and authority on county government, discussed the New York County system and the problem of its reorganization at the meeting of the Political Science Club held last Friday at the Psi Upsilon House.

Mr. Williams stated that county Government is gradually becoming more efficient. This subject is especially worth noticing now, in view of the State Constitutional Convention which is to be held in the near future.

History Club

At the meeting of the History Club to be held tonight, Robert G. Miner, instructor in Public Speaking, will tell about his recent experiences in Greece and Turkey, attempting to give a true picture of the political situation there. Mr. Miner taught last year at Roberts College in Turkey.

The meeting is scheduled for eight o'clock, and will take place at the home of Dr. M. L. Bonham.

German Club

The February meeting of the German Club was held at the Theta Delta Chi House last Friday evening. President Peter C. Hoch, '38, presided.

Walter F. Cronin, '38, presented a paper on the life and works of Gustav Freytag, with special emphasis on the poet's historical work, "Bilder Aus der Deutschen Vergangenheit." Following Cronin's lecture, David R. Cummins, '41, gave a talk on the German processes of color printing. To illustrate recent advancements in this field, the speaker showed many illustrations from German periodicals.

Friday evening, March 16, was tentatively set as the date for the next meeting of the club. Five short talks will be given at the March meeting. Among the speakers will be William Kirk Jr,, Herbert S. Long, and Joseph Knobloch, all of the Class of 1939.

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Dr. Stieg Selects Outstanding Youthful Works of Noted Authors for Exhibition

In order to show that there have been important works written by very young men, Dr. Lewis F. Stieg has selected the books now on exhibition in the reading room of the College Library. Dr. Stieg chose the age of twenty-five as an arbitrary maximum age limit for the group.

Included in his selections are the "Personae" and "Exultations" of Ezra Pound, Hamilton '05. Written when he was twenty-four, these works show the author's familiarity with medieval literature, with the Provencal singers and Troubadour ballads, and are indicative of the erudition of the poet, anthologist, essayist, and translator. The first book of Mr. Pound's ever published, "A Lume Spento," is also on exhibition. This first appeared in Venice in 1908.

The "Personae" and "Exultations" are first editions and therefore very valuable.

John Keats is represented by his first book of poems, which he wrote when he was twenty-two and which he dedicated to Leigh Hunt, another poet who began to write when comparatively young.

Victor Hugo is represented by "Cromwell", the drama first published in 1827, at a time when the author was twenty-five years old. Through the preface of this play Hugo established himself as the "prophet and protagonist of the new Romantic school."

Books by Goethe, George Bernard Shaw, Edgar Allen Poe and Clinton Scollard, '81, are also on exhibition.

In the near future Dr. Stieg plans to place on display some of the Library's modern first editions.

Campus Potpourri

The United States is in the midst of a period of remarkable word-consciousness, in the opinion of Dr. Walter K. Smart, professor in the English department at Northwestern University. Persons from all strata of society are participating in this movement which is daily coining words and incorporating them in the English language. "Much of our slang is picturesque and keenly alive," Dr. Smart says, "and some of it is the inspiration of genius. The trouble is that after the genius employs it, every fool comes along and uses it, turning it into another bromide.'

If anyone is interested in picking up a well-established college dirt cheap, there are bargains to be had down in Macon, Georgia. Sometime in March, Wesleyan College (for women) will go on the auction block. The institution has been advertised for sale to satisfy bonds totalling $998,000, but classes will not be interrupted. Wesleyan is the first chartered Methodist school for women and last fall entered its 102nd year of operations with an enrollment of 207. Prospective buyers will please address their inquiries to the Bursar of the College.

There is a new ice cream eating champ at Harvard. He clinched the title by putting away 24 plates—four vanilla, 19 chocolate, and a sundae of particularly venomous appearance. The previous titleholder, a freshman, yielded at 19 plates.

Undergraduate's Car Burns on College Hill

A car driven by Philip P. Pendolf, '41, of Utica, burst into flames yesterday morning on the road in front of the Chi Psi Lodge. The fire was confined to the engine and was quickly put out with two chemical fire extinguishers from the Lodge. No one was injured, and the car was only slightly damaged. It was later driven away under its own power.

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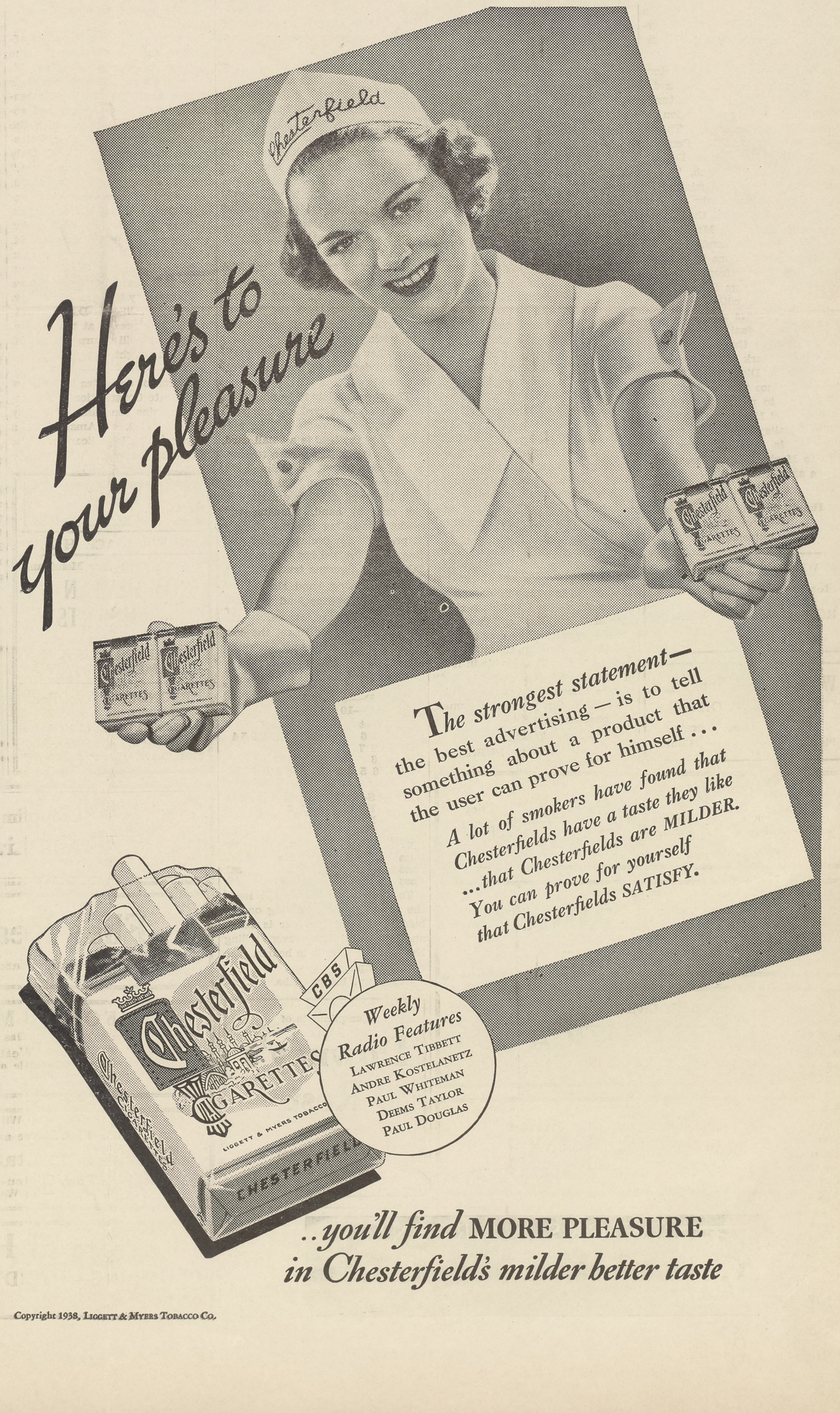
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